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Please add claims 239-47.

239. (New) The oligoribonucleotide of claim 221, wherein said dsRNA is modified so as to be resistant to RNA degradation.

240. (New) The oligoribonucleotide of claim 221, wherein said dsRNA comprises a 3' overhang.

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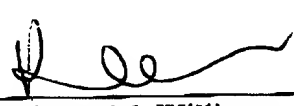
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